

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/263,674 filed October 4, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/875,272 filed June 7, 2001, which issued into U.S. Patent No. 6,550,968 on April 22, 2003, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/371,493, filed August 10, 1999, which issued into U.S. Patent No. 6,257,765 on July 10, 2001, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/678,765, filed July 11, 1996, which issued into U.S. Patent No. 6,019,513 on February 1, 2000; the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 (and continuing to page 5) with the following:

As shown in Figs. 52 to 52B, the sealing device of the second conventional example is described as follows. Lubricant is made to ooze from a surface of the guide rail 1 by the action of contact resistance of the seal 5. Accordingly, there is provided no relief 73 as shown in Fig. 53A in the contact portion 71 shown in Fig. 53B where the seal 5 comes into contact with the guide rail 1, but an area of the portion where the seal 5 comes into contact with the guide rail 1 is increased. Further, there is formed a recessed groove 72 in the contact portion 71 where the seal 5 comes into contact with the guide rail 1, so that the portion 71 is divided into two portions. Then the thus divided portions are contacted with the guide rail 1 by two steps. Therefore, the

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intrusion of foreign objects can be prevented by the contact of two steps better than the contact of one step. Further, lubricant can be held by the recessed groove 72, so that the sliding property of the seal 5 can be enhanced.